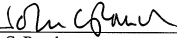


REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 9-20 are pending in the application. Originally filed claims 1-20 were subject to restriction requirement. By this paper, applicant elects claims 9-20 for further prosecution. Claims 1-8 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to re-submit claims 1-8 in a divisional application claiming the priority of the present application.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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